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Department of Agriculture  
Agricultural Marketing Services  
7 CFR Part 205  
(Doc. No TM-05-02)  
National Organic Program  
Proposed Amendment to the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (Livestock)

Dear Mr. Yates:

We here at The Country Hen would like to take this opportunity to fully support the proposed rule which would amend the USDA's National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances. We are in total agreement that the use of DL-Methionine, ML-Methionine Hydroxy Analog, and DL-Methionine-Hydroxy Analog Calcium for use only in organic poultry production, should be extended to October 21, 2008.

We also fully support the petition submitted by Jim Pierce, Organic Valley, and Bob Buress, Tyson Foods, on January 1, 2005, as well as the petition submitted by Organic Trade Association, for a temporary variance to allow the use of non-organic feedstuffs for experimentation, only to seek alternatives and successfully make the transition away from synthetic methionine.

We are in agreement that some sources of natural methionine are available. However, our searches for these alternatives, in organic form, have been fruitless.

The Country Hen is a small family farm that has a limited budget for research and physical testing. We can assure you that we are working to the limits of our abilities, and watching the industry and universities very closely, as well.

Please let me know if you need any further information. I would like to thank the NOP and NOSB for the countless hours that have been spent on this issue.

Yours truly,

Bob Beauregard  
General Manager  
The Country Hen

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